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EDITORIAL

Did you know that Cherry Chatter is also the Cherry Chatter Community Association? While we publish the Cherry Chatter newsletter each month we are also the go to organization to represent all of you to the Onkaparinga Council, the State Government and various other organisations. 12 months ago, we arranged public meetings for residents following the Cherry Gardens bushfire, recently we arranged with the council a Zoom meeting to discuss implications of the new guard rails they plan to install along Cherry Gardens road and what that will mean for residents, walkers, horse riders etc.

Each year we organize the ANZAC Day service and prior to COVID we had the breakfast at the Memorial Hall and we are also one of the key organisers for the Christmas show at the Recreation Ground.

Our AGM is fast approaching, and we are always keen to encourage a few new residents to join us and be a part of our group. We meet once a month to approve articles for the newsletter and to discuss any local issues and also to have a drink and a few nibbles amongst friends.

If you would like to be a part of the Cherry Chatter and Community Association, then contact us or just come along to the **AGM which will be held at the Recreation Ground clubrooms on March 9th at 7.30pm.**

ANZAC Day

There will be an ANZAC Day service this year however at the time of writing we are unsure of what restrictions and guidelines may be in place. We are still not sure whether the RSL will be able to

attend so at this stage we suggest that residents plan to hold the dawn vigil at the end of their driveways as we have done the last couple of years. If there is to be a community ANZAC Day service, we will let you know via our Facebook page and website.

Some late news on the Council plans to install lots of guard rails along Cherry Gardens Road to improve safety for motor vehicles.

Following the Zoom meeting we had with the council they have sent out letters to residents advising that they have listened to our concerns and will undertake road verge work as well as Tom Roberts Horse Trail to improve access and pedestrian/horse use. Some of the planned work includes pruning of trees. Reshaping the trail, removal of weeds such as blackberry, ivy and olives and improvement of the horse trail signage. This work will take place before work starts on the guard rail installation.

See letter at end of newsletter.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTE

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CHERRY GARDENS RAINFALL REPORT DECEMBER 2021

Rainfall for December 2021	2.6 mm
Rainfall for December 2020	28.4
Average rainfall for December	40.1
Rainfall to the end of Dec 2021	917.6
Rainfall to the end of Dec 2020	992.0
Average rainfall to the end Dec	920.4
Number days of rain for December 2021	3
Number days of rain for December 2020	5

RAINFALL STATISTICS

Cherry Gardens Rainfall - an interesting overview.
The Bureau of Meteorology records for Cherry Gardens show the below figures for rainfall. December 2021 was a very dry month.

Lowest reading for December was 0.0mm in 1904
2nd Lowest reading December was 2.3mm in 1905

3rd Lowest reading December 2.6mm in 2021
The highest reading for December 114.8mm in 1993

Lowest annual rainfall is 427.5mm in 1914
Highest annual rainfall is 1373.5 in 1923

CHERRY GARDENS RAINFALL REPORT JANUARY 2021

Rainfall for January 2022	44.8 mm
Rainfall for January 2021	31.4
Average rainfall for January	28.6
Rainfall to the end of Jan 2022	44.8
Rainfall to the end of Jan 2021	31.4
Average rainfall to the end of Jan	28.6
Number days of rain for January 2022	10
Number days of rain for January 2021	5

HALL NEWS

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CHERRY GARDENS

MEMORIAL HALL FOR HIRE

Available for hire for all functions, meetings & social occasions
Very reasonable rates
For bookings and more information phone 0414 824 110
Full kitchen facilities available



VALE Dennis Jones

We were saddened to hear of the passing of long time Cherry Gardens resident Dennis Jones on January 9th. Dennis and wife Veronica were custodians of the Cherry Gardens hedge, a major landmark of the district. Dennis was an active member of the Hall Committee for many years, and we express our deepest sympathies to Veronica and family.

YOGA CLASSES

We are very pleased to advise that Yoga classes are starting at the Hall. Shoba will be running the classes. Shoba is a very experienced teacher, currently running classes at Clarendon, Kangarilla, Reynella and Marion as "Shine with Shoba Yoga". You can check out Shoba's Facebook page at "Shine with Shoba Yoga", and also look at the Hall Facebook page for more information. Shoba can be contacted on 0474 193 192 if you would like more information, or details on class times.

SACFS CHERRY GARDENS

If you would like more information or a visit to the station, please contact Nola (0407 370 002) or Bill (0433 656 803).



At 7pm on the 25th of January, Cherry Gardens CFS members stood together with other CFS brigades across the state in sounding station sirens and observing a minute's silence for fallen firefighter Louise Hincks.

We stood together to remember a strong and professional firefighter who led her crew alongside our crews just over a year ago at one of the largest fires in our area's history. Louise was a compassionate person who visited our brigade after the fire to see how we were all dealing with the traumatic events. She was a friend to us.

We stood to mourn the loss of a mother and wife, and a family who has been ripped apart by this tragic incident. We stood in solidarity with Happy Valley CFS brigade, who received the news no brigade ever wants to receive, and who mourn a friend and family member.

We also recognise the loss felt by Eden Hills CFS brigade, with whom Louise was a member for many years, as well as another Brigade who was also impacted by this event.

You are all in our thoughts.



SACFS AIR OPERATIONS Region 1 Air Operations Brigade

The last two days of 2021 came as something of a shock when temperatures soared to around 40 degrees after a relatively mild summer although December was very dry with virtually no rain.

Lots of grass fires requiring water bomber attention have been reported on our pagers during December but these have mainly been in the Mid-North, Eyre Peninsula and the South-East so we haven't been called out.

The biggest of these was at Wrattobully, near Coonawarra in the South East. On New Year's Eve, South Australian based aircraft did 68 drops – only four short of the 72 we loaded during the Cherry Gardens fire in January last year. The fire started in South Australia but quickly spread across the border into Victoria where,

as at the morning of 2nd January, it was reported as being still out of control.

Our ever watchful Admin Officer has reported the birth on 29 December of Emma – a magnificent Christmas present for the Ragless family. Congratulations from the Brigade.

January was also a quiet month for our Brigade although there were a number of fires down in the South East including the Coles Fire at Lucindale where tragically Louise Hincks lost her life.

We wish everyone a happy 2022. Stay safe and stay vigilant.



We can offer advice with all wildlife enquires and provide support for you. Call Bev on 0422938439 or Glenn on 8270 1169. Happy to assist where we can. www.mintonfarm.org

CHERRY GARDENS GARDEN CLUB

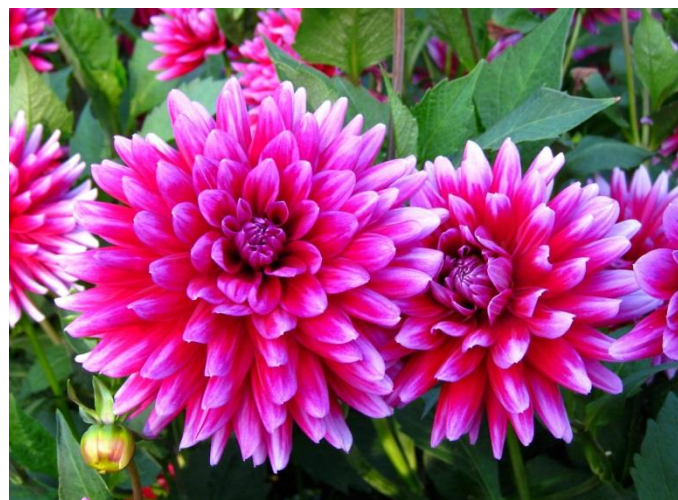
Contact Ray Wise – President 0405273003 or 8383-6011
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NEXT MEETING

Monday 21st March 7.30pm

Mellissa Bradley from Water Sensitive SA will address our members on what major initiatives have been undertaken by the City of Onkaparinga and what we can do in our own backyard to conserve water.

GEORGE'S GARDENING SUGGESTIONS FOR MARCH 2022



- Salvias, daylilies, and dahlias provide a great range of autumn colour and are very easy to grow.
- Prune spring flowering shrubs to promote new growth that will flower the following year.
- Remove dead flowers from lavenders and daisies.
- Remove dead flower stems from agapanthus.

- Prune box hedges on a regular basis, mulch and fertilise regularly.
- Prune roses lightly and fertilise for a good autumn display
- Purchase winter and spring flowering bulbs now, those native to cold areas such as tulip, crocus and hyacinth should be placed in a paper bag in the crisper of your fridge for a few weeks.
- Potted plants can dry out quickly in late summer, place the whole pot in a bucket to thoroughly wet ALL of the potting mix then apply a layer of mulch.
- While the soil is still warm it is a good time to plant citrus into a well-prepared raised site.
- Brassicas (broccoli, cabbage cauliflower, kale) will all enjoy a good start in warm soil at this time of year but keep the soil moist.

OVER THE STABLE DOOR with Hamish



Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

Into 2022 and let's hope this year is kinder to us in all ways.

Owning horses is not just a matter of 'owning' an animal.

It is a unique relationship

because the human owner interacts not just on the ground but on top of that animal. As research broadens, scientists continue to discover more about how a horse learns, how to recognise signs of pain in facial expressions and how horses recognise the human. The horse actually knows way more about the human than the other way round. There are no secrets from them! Researchers have found that a horse is capable of recognising a scowling face from a smiling face. Not only that, they will prefer to associate with the smiling person than the one with a scowl. So if you happen to get impatient with your dearly beloved equine, hide your frustration with a smile if you hope to encourage a happy relationship the following day! Definitely something to think about!

During our break I have acquired yet another paddock mate. Although I say that loosely as she is a young mare. She and I get along ok, but the others are taking some time to 'warm' to her. She is 7 but green (although she is chestnut). So there is much for her to learn. First was the gradual process of introducing her to the rest of my mates. This took about a week, day by day, with no injuries or problems. Her feet were badly in need of attention and she didn't seem to know how to even pick them up! However, after a few days she was picking them quite happily. A fill in hoof trimmer was booked to do her feet and she became quite stressed (he did a good job). A couple of weeks later our regular trimmer came and again she became even more stressed. My mum

hadn't had no problems with her at all, so the conclusion was that she may have had a negative experience with a male farrier. Fast forward a couple more weeks and my dad has been working with her and she is going well. The test will be when the regular trimmer returns. It will be interesting to see how this pans out. Fingers crossed. If my mum sees the slightest sign of tension in this green mare, then the trimming may be put on hold, at least with that particular trimmer. It is important that she stays comfortable and relaxed when having her feet done, so it will be done very carefully.

An interesting note here, is that whenever buying a horse, it always comes with a history. Owners will generally pass on what they want you to know and there may be a lot unsaid. My owners are pretty experienced and can cope with this situation, but it could easily unravel and not to the benefit of the horse.

As usual I am being my perfect self, maintaining weight (just) and behaving well. Looking forward to being able to get out and about! Keep safe if riding on the roads and acknowledge those motorists who slow down or give way.

Happy munching, Hamish.

CHERRY CHURCH

Cherry Gardens Church
87 Hicks Hills Road, Cherry Gardens

Services held on Sundays at 9.30am
Chairperson: Rob Lim 0407971650



'He brought them out of the darkness and the deepest gloom and broke away their chains. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men.' Psalm 107: 13-15

The Christmas season and new year are, once again, come and gone – the Christmas tree has been disrobed; family commitments ticked off; and school holidays nearly completed.

For some in our community, it has not been easy. COVID has affected all of us, either directly or indirectly and has certainly left its mark and is continuing to do so. Many have felt confused by the ever-changing regulations and are uncertain of where it is safe to go. The questions keep flowing: can we get our booster; will that make us secure; who can we mix with; is it sensible to go into public places?

Then there are interstate relatives and loved ones, or the family and friends who have health issues that leave them open to infection. There are those who are angry at politicians and health officials for allowing COVID to spread so rapidly and wish we had all remained bunkered down, cut off from the dangers of the world.

Although these frustrations are real, such challenges as COVID, or worse, are part and parcel of everyday life and have impacted on humanity from time immemorial.

In the midst of these times, though, there is good news; a certain and secure God who welcomes us into his family, through his son Jesus. He is our foundation, an ever-present help in trouble, one who heals and brings peace. We are not forgotten; Jesus cares for each of us more than we can ever know and has shared in our uncertainties and insecurity. And, he provides us with an enduring shelter.

'No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. Each tree is recognised by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thorn bushes, or grapes from briars. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.' Luke 7: 43-45 NIV

Our plum trees have been loaded with fruit this year – virtually every variety seems to have decided it was their turn to prosper. The pears too are there in abundance. But these are nothing compared to the apricot tree on our daughter and son-in-law's farm in the Mid North. This apricot tree each year groans under the weight of delicious fruit.

Each year I'm reminded of the fruit trees in our childhood home where, not only apricots, but also nectarines and peaches appeared for weeks on end.

Supermarket fruit never seems to be able to bring the freshness that home produce does. Occasionally, and especially with apples, when a bite is taken out of the fruit it is rotten inside. It's such a disappointment.

Anyone who knows God's love in their life reflects His goodness.

When we meet a person overflowing with goodness it is immediately apparent; the depth of their character is a joy to behold. Jesus encourages us to bear good fruit, to rid ourselves of evil thoughts and to follow God's way. This has to be the way to a life lived in love, joy and peace. What a fantastic harvest. It's there for us all at no cost.

As a place of Christian worship, the Cherry Church and its lively congregation welcomes everyone to drop in. Sunday morning worship is held each week at 9.30 am. The service is normally followed by a cup of tea, but this is in abeyance for a time as we take stock of covid. Please come and join us, we'd love to see you.

Cherry Gardens Church
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Services held on Sundays at 9.30am – and all are welcome

Chairperson: Rob Linn 0407971650

**FRIENDS OF SCOTT CREEK
CONSERVATION PARK**



Anyone wanting to find out more or help us with our restoration work, or simply wanting more information about the Friends of Scott Creek CP, can contact us on info@friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au or visit our website www.friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au. You can also follow us on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/friendsofscottcreekcp where you will find up to date information about our activities, including photos of the park's diverse flora and fauna.



Thalassa Ward Councillor Update February 2022

January has gone and here we are now in February but we still have the impact of COVID and need to ensure that we do our best to prevent it from spreading by getting vaccinated, having our boosters and complying with all the directions that are issued. We all have a responsibility to our family and community to act responsibly. When comparing the City of Onkaparinga's area with other metropolitan council areas by head of population we as a community have done very well in keeping community transmission down and getting vaccinated. So please continue to do the right thing to everyone.

Cherry Gardens Road, Cherry Gardens Road Safety Project

Following my last newsletter item relating to this Black Spot funding that the City of Onkaparinga has received and questions raised by some community members I arranged for a Zoom presentation by staff for the morning of Thursday 27 January to explain the process behind these types of programs, what was the reasons behind the safety measures and to answer any questions. Cr Themeliotis and I attended online. Don Watton and a number of other residents were able to participate and also raise any issues that they had in regard to the proposed upgrade. Staff provided answers and also receive additional information and questions from those who participated. The reasoning for the safety measures and upgrade is as follows:

- 10 serious crashes over the 6.7 km stretch of road in 5 year period.
- 1 fatal crash.
- This equated to 0.3 serious crashes/km/year .
- 0.2 and above serious crashes identifies a road as a

Black Spot.

- Increase in local tourism traffic due to COVID.
- Safety systems approach to reduce serious injury.

The following options were considered as part of this project:

- Tree clearing – environmental change and removal of endemic species, not in keeping with rural aesthetic of Cherry Gardens.
- Barrier kerb – not MAS tested – Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) will not approve in areas where speeds are greater than 50 km/hr - Stormwater management issues can be impacted.
- Further speed reduction - DTI will not approve without a physical change to road environment.
- Other civil works – 197 proactive and reactive maintenance works have been undertaken since 2004 –asphalt plane and reinstatement project.

Details of the timeframe for this project were provided as follows:

- Contractor engagement February 2022.
- Site inspection, hydro excavation March 2022.
- Material procurement March/April 2022.
- Construction April/May 2022 = subject to contactor and material availability..

Disclaimer

The views expressed in this article are my own and do not necessarily reflect those of Council.

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Editor's note

Following concerns from a number of local residents on the scope of the proposed upgrades to Cherry Gardens Road the Cherry Gardens Community Association approached the council for additional information and this resulted in the Zoom call with council staff and our local councilors.

The Cherry Gardens Community Association is pleased with funding being available for improvements to Cherry Gardens Road however the concerns raised by locals warranted follow up with the council.

The primary concerns related to the broad use of new Guard Rails being installed along sections of Cherry Gardens Road where locals reported that there had never been any car accidents however several locations where there have been car accidents are not having Guard Rails installed. The logic behind this was questioned.

Also, there was a lot of concern around the impact these new Guard Rails would have on local residents and foot traffic, bicycles and horse riding. The lack of suitable footpaths and how residents would be able to manage once the Guard rails were installed was a concern to many. As many residents would be aware the Tom

Roberts horse riding trail runs along Cherry Gardens Road, and we wanted a commitment that access to this Trail and maintenance of it would be ensured.

While the community understands the need to provide a safe road for motor vehicles, we also want to ensure that local residents are not disadvantaged and impacted by the installation of so many additional Guard rails.

We are expecting some feedback from the council to the suggestions and questions raised during the Zoom meeting.

A copy of a letter that was sent to some residents is available on the Cherry Chatter website for anyone who is interested to see the scope of the works that is planned. <https://www.cherry chatter.org.au/>

CHERRY GARDENS/IRONBANK RECREATION GROUND

The Recreation Ground committee is looking for any locals that would be interested to take on the weekly cleaning of the clubrooms and change rooms at our local sports facility.

Throughout the year this facility is used by the 4 sporting groups and by the community for various functions and activities.

In 2021 significant renovations were made to the clubrooms and we had new change rooms built.

If you are interested in taking on this role please contact the president of the committee, Andy Adams for more information.

Email: andyrvadams@gmail.com

Mobile: 0436020096

The committee is open to any proposals from locals and we are happy to give you a tour so you understand the requirements.

Thanks and hope to hear from you soon

Turning the Tide: The Future of Single- Use Plastic in South Australia

The State Government is seeking your feedback on single-use plastic products, and what single use plastic products should be considered for future intervention. Specifically, want to know how to address the impacts associated with single-use plastic products, which are largely intended for disposal after only one use.

They have identified a range of single-use products that can be made of alternatives that are reusable, recyclable, or compostable. You can learn more about these in the consultation paper found on their website.

After becoming the first state in Australia to ban single-use plastic bags in 2009, and prohibit single use plastic items like plastic straws and cutlery in March 2021, South Australia will be prohibiting polystyrene items like cups, bowls, plates and 'clamshell' containers and all oxo-degradable products from March 1, 2022.

You can read more information in their consultation paper at this link:

<https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/74295/widgets/359606/documents/221642>

If you are interested in providing feedback to the State Government you can either email a submission to greenindustries@sa.gov.au or write a submission to: Green Industries SA, GPO Box 1047, Adelaide SA 5001

The State Government will consider your feedback for single-use plastic items to be considered for further action and will share a summary on their website.

POPPY BLANKET FOR THE CHERRY GARDENS MEMORIAL HALL

With ANZAC Day 2022 fast approaching we are looking for some locals who can help us knit or crochet some poppy's so we can prepare a Poppy Blanket for the front of the Memorial Hall.



Please check out the link on the Cherry Chatter website at www.cherry chatter.org.au for some sample poppy patterns.

Any help you can offer would be welcome. You can contact Bev Watton on 0400019640 for more info or to volunteer.

WELCOME TO CHERRY GARDENS

Welcome to Ross, Benita and their son Marlo Godfrey who have recently moved into the Sims' home.

We hope you enjoy living here in beautiful Cherry Gardens.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Please accept my apology for those of you whose birthday was in October, November, December, January and February just past. I inadvertently left you out of the newsletters, so have placed you in this edition. I sincerely hope you had a wonderful day celebrating the day of your birth.

OCTOBER

Hannah Pillar
Alicia Anson
Rick Grear
Yvonne Stephens
Ralph Stephens
Heidi Vickerman
Joanne Monahan
Kaitlyn Monahan
Clayton Smalley
Charlotte Smalley

NOVEMBER

Rob Edwards
Don Watton
Thomas Watton
Joseph Symons
Callum Lewis
Bianca Chenoweth
Cameron Crichton
Rebecca Anson
Carolyn Holt
Brad Monahan
Lynette Wise
Kevin Stephens

DECEMBER

Catherine Macks	Zoe Edwards
Lexie Edwards	Ann Grear
Sarah Linn	Karli Vickerman
Sahara Smith	Nikhili Smith
Andrew Whiteford	Holley Tootell
Sophie Monahan	Scott Treloar
Cathy Weir	Darryl Spencer
Daryl Brooks	

JANUARY

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Leonie Kruse
Karl Kruse
Jayden Hughes

FEBRUARY

Kerry Holtham
Rick Chenoweth
Ben Kirss
Stefan Chenoweth
Joel Pillar
Tamia Porter-Wright
Mike Smith

MARCH

Nikki Chinner
Trina Howlett
Matthew Linn
Denis Perry
Rachel Pillar
Chris Crichton
Kelsey Tarabini
Abigail Weir
Ray Wise
Kerry Hughes



Mother's Healing Nature

Scott Creek Conservation Park, February 2021- July 2021.

After the Cherry Gardens bushfires ravaged the Scott Creek Conservation Park in late January 2021, the park was blocked off to the public. Then life began to regenerate. During the fires, 539ha of the 710ha park was burned, but not lost, as many believed.

While the impact of bushfires on Australian wildlife amounts to population decrease of native fauna, for many Australian plant species, fire can be a good thing.

Australian plants have adapted to bushfire conditions over time. Many species of gum rely on seed to regenerate and burning releases the seed from thick wooden pods, allowing it to spread. The deep layers of ash that remain become perfect seedbeds.

A lot of Australian shrubs, grasses, orchids, and ferns have lignotubers, woody organs at or below ground level that contain buds, the plants are able to reshoot from these buds, unaffected by the fire.

When fire burns through bushland it clears the undergrowth, allowing sunlight to reach the ground and regenerate, while remnants of burnt trees creating hollowed out logs provide new habitats for native animals. This recovery process takes time, but Mother Nature has incredible healing abilities.



17 February 2022

Mr D J Watton and Ms B A Watton
620 Cherry Gardens Road
CHERRY GARDENS SA 5157

Dear Mr and Ms Watton

Pedestrian access improvements

Thank you for attending the meeting held 17 January 2022 and providing your feedback on the project to install guard rail along Cherry Gardens Road.

Having listened to your concerns, it was clear that pedestrian access and safety is a priority when utilising this section of Cherry Gardens Road and we understand the importance of this and the impact it has on the community. We are committed to improving this section ensuring a safer environment for all road users and as such, I can advise that prior to the commencement of the road project, we will be undertaking additional works to ensure the road shoulders as well as the Tom Roberts Horse Trail are accessible for pedestrian use. In response to your feedback we will be undertaking the following works before the guard rail is constructed which is anticipated to occur by end of May 2022.

Works will include:

- A heavy prune of trees encroaching on the trail.
- Reshaping of the trail as required.
- Additional material to be placed at those areas where required.
- Removal of any trees that have grown in the trail (or alternatively re-routing the trail around existing trees clearly).
- Removal of weed species encroaching on or obstructing the trail such as:
 - blackberries
 - ivy
 - olives
- Cutting the grass.
- Removal of organic material such as grass clippings or leaf litter from the trail surface
- Improvements to trail signage:
 - signs located at more frequent intervals
 - trail signs to be raised to improve their visibility.

Once again, we appreciate your feedback and we anticipate the additional works detailed above will significantly improve the accessibility for all users of this section of Cherry Gardens Road.



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Onkaparinga Now



YOUR SAY

You can have your say on important issues that affect the Onkaparinga region and its communities via council's Your Say page.

Register now to join the conversation and add your ideas and feedback where and when it suits you.

onkaparingacity.com/yoursay



GROW YOUR FAMILY ADOPT A TREE

Help cool our city

Imagine your street transformed into a tree-lined oasis, filled with cool spots to provide relief on a hot summer's day.

City of Onkaparinga homeowners can now play their part in increasing the urban forest by adopting a tree. Council has launched its exciting new Adopt a Tree program. Eligible residents can now apply for a tree to be planted on their verge to provide shade as well as shelter and a food source for birds and other wildlife.

Council will grow the tree in their nursery, plant it on your verge, provide informal health checks and prune it. Your role will be to water and care for your tree so it survives.

Council has a total of 300 trees available annually in the Adopt a Tree program. Eligible residents can apply for one free tree per household. Your tree will be planted between April and September and will join the thousands of trees planted by council every year as part of their target

to plant 100,000 trees on street verges, waterways and parks by 2037.

To date council field crews have planted more than 40,000 trees and each one of these will assist in providing shade, cooling, clean air, reduced stormwater runoff and habitat for our birds and wildlife.

Head to onkaparingacity.com/trees for more information or to apply, and learn how tree planting is making a huge difference to the wellbeing of the community. Together we can help make Onkaparinga the 'coolest' region in Adelaide!

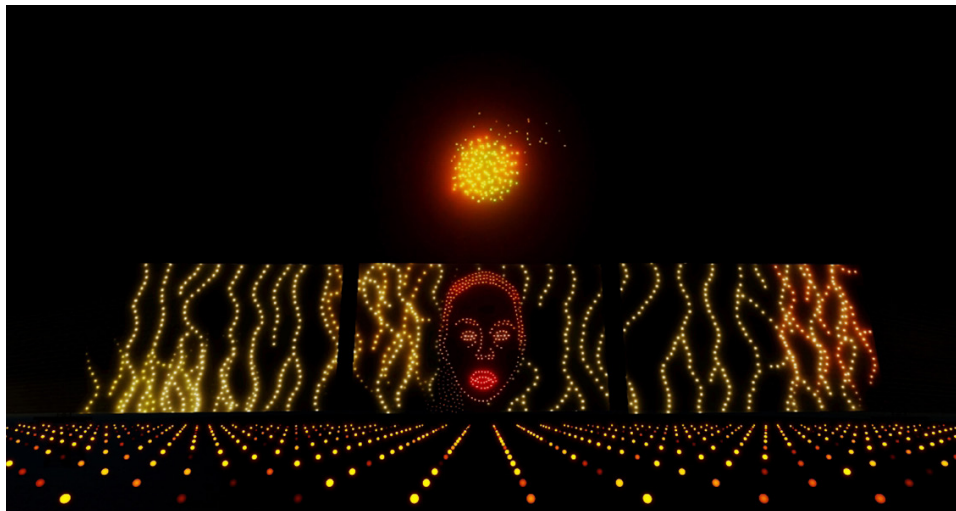
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Your guide to the Adelaide Fringe down south

Adelaide Fringe is the biggest arts festival in the Southern Hemisphere and the City of Onkaparinga will be packed with events from 18 February to 20 March.

The fringe's centrepiece spectacular drone artwork show, SKY SONG, headlines the festival and can be experienced at McLaren Vale's Leconfield and Richard Hamilton Wines (Friday 11 to Sunday 20 March).

SKY SONG - narrated by the iconic Archie Roach - is a collaboration between First Nations artists and drone art specialists, combining state-of-the-art technology with ancient Songlines to create a profoundly emotional experience.

You can also experience eclectic and vibrant events including cabaret, theatre, comedy, circus, music, contemporary dance, visual arts and much more,

including at council's Port Noarlunga arts precinct, Noarlunga Library and the Hopgood Theatre.

There's no need to travel into the city to get your fringe fix this year, with Onkaparinga Now's guide to all the events down south you can experience the best of Adelaide Fringe in your own backyard.

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